

# THE CIMARRON CITIZEN

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## EDITORIAL

### THE SCHOOL HOUSE.

The Directors of this school district have been having a hard time of it in getting land upon which to build the new school house. When Mr. Chandler first circulated the petition for the voting of the bonds, the location of the school building was tacitly agreed upon. Both the north and the south sides of the river agreed upon that flat place just north of the water tanks and at the foot of West Lincoln avenue. The Townsite Company, with its usual public spirit, agreed to give a whole block to the district, and a survey of the land was made and a change in the plat was arranged for. The Cimarron Townsite Co. was perfectly willing to give the land necessary and more too. A whole block was to have been placed at the disposal of the public free of any charge at all. Aside from the fact that the location as selected would have been more or less in the middle of a liquor district, the location was a fair one only, but it seemed to suit both sides of town and every one seemed to be satisfied. But it was suddenly discovered that the location as fixed upon, was within a city block of a saloon. The legislature last year passed a law which made it impossible for a liquor license to be granted for carrying on the business of selling liquor within a block of a public school building. There is some question as to whether this law would be construed to mean that, when a saloon is already established, a school building could not be built within a block of a saloon or not. It is contended that if a saloon can not be started up within a block of a school building, the converse is true, and that a school can not be started up within a block of a saloon that has been already established. But be that as it may, the question simmers down to a question of fair play on the part of the Cimarron Townsite company, and to what is for the best interests of the public. And in this way, those back of the Townsite Co., so the Citizen is informed, would like to keep every saloon out of town if it were possible to do so. But they realize that some of the property in the town is held under claim of right coming direct from the Maxwell Land Grant Co., and that the conducting of saloons on this property can not be entirely regulated by them, but such regulation will have to be left to the city of Cimarron when it is incorporated. For these reasons, the Townsite Company has, in making its sales, and giving its deeds, made it a condition of the deed, that only certain lots in certain localities all have the privilege of selling liquors. In other words, to certain lots, it has given a plain warranty deed, and to all the rest there is a clause which binds the guarantee never to sell liquors on the premises. This keeps the saloons all in one district. Namely the south of Tenth street. Since this is the only district where saloons are allowed, it would seem to be folly to build a school house within a block of the row of all the saloons in Cimarron, but kpe While het dis ritetyp: ac While the district may be kept perfectly clean, as far as the children are concerned, still the mere fact that they will be around the district is something to be counted on. The building of the school house might have a tendency to induce good people to build residences near the school house, but every child in town would have to go through the saloon district and to play in that district, if the school house were to be located as planned. But it will not be. The Townsite Co. has reconsidered its offer to give the school district the land referred to, and for this reason. Under the rule that only a certain number of saloons should ever be allowed in Cimarron, certain parties bought of the Townsite Co., land without the restriction from selling liquors thereon. Duckworth & Marling were one of these, and on the strength of the rule and their deed, they at once invested something like \$8,000.00 in building a hotel with a bar in connection. This hotel is within a block of the proposed location of the school, and the Townsite Co. feel, and rightly, too, that fair dealing on its part will not permit it to donate to the public, land upon which to build a school building, if that do-

nation will permit the public to bring suit to close out a saloon built upon land that was tacitly sold and purchased for that purpose.

But the Townsite company has offered to give the district any other location in town, if the two sides of the river can get together and decide upon what would be equally satisfactory to all. Mr. Chandler, the president of the school board, has been explaining the situation to as many as possible. He states that most of those who now understand how things stand, have agreed upon the new location of the school. It has been practically decided that the new building will be erected on Ninth street, just west of Wilson's Blacksmith Shop. The Townsite Co. states that as far as it is concerned, this location will be satisfactory and that the land will be donated to the district as soon as it can be arranged. The new location, aside from being in a good district, is only about a hundred feet further from the bridge connecting old and new towns, than was the old location. And the new location possesses the additional good quality of being flat, and under water from an irrigation ditch. Trees can be planted out, and the children can be given a flat play ground for marbles, ball and the many other games dear to the heart of the youngster. Taking it all in all, the Citizen is much in favor of the location now talked of and hopes that the public can agree upon this particular spot in the near future, because it will be necessary to build very shortly if we wish to be in the new building this fall. Of course the school directors have the power to accept any land that is offered and to build the school house thereon without consulting the public, but they feel, and rightly, that the public is deeply interested, and that it should be consulted. So get together and decide what you want. NOW IS THE TIME.

The Citizen is in receipt of a copy of the Quay County Times, published at San Jhn by I. L. Fowler. The Times is a live and progressive sheet, and certainly deserves the hearty support of the community in which it is edited. The Citizen is indeed proud to have it on its exchange list.

### PAID LICENSE FEE BUT LOST THE PUPPY

Trinidad, Colo., (Special) June 9.—A young brindle bull canine of the gentle sex, bred and reared in the thriving town of Clayton, N. M., last week became imbued with a desire to see a real city, boarded a C. & S. train and came to Trinidad. The unsophisticated puppy chose an unfortunate time for her arrival here however, for the official dog catcher was busy in rounding up unlicensed dogs and the territorial visitor was soon in the pound. There she was seen by a young woman who immediately took a fancy to her. She induced a male friend to drop a noose over her head and rescue the puppy but, just as the noose dropped, the dog catcher appeared and demanded his fifty-cent fee, which was paid. Also the young woman paid the license fee of \$1.10. Now the owner of the puppy, a prominent attorney of Clayton, was hot on the trail of his pet and finally located her here, taking her back home. Last night the council was presented with a bill of \$1.10 by the young woman who lost the dog. Fearing interstate complications, the city dads returned the money. Now the young woman is looking for the dog catcher with a view of getting back the fifty cents.

Pat had been slightly injured and was in a hospital. The surgeon examined him carefully and said to the nurse:

"As subcutaneous abrasion is not observable I do not think there is any reason to apprehend tegumental cicatrization of the wound. 'What do you think about it, Pat?'"

"Sure," said Pat, "You're a wonderful mind reader, doctor. You took the very words out of my mouth. That's just what I was going to say!"

### FIVE RESCUERS LOSE LIVES

Silverton, Colo., June 8.—To save three miners who had been overcome by smoke and gas in the fifth level of the Gold King mine, five men laid down their lives yesterday, and of the thirty-five heroes who composed the rescue party more than half of those who survived are now in the hospital suffering from the effects of foul air. Two of the original trio entombed in the mine were brought to the surface, but the third—Victor Erickson—had succumbed to the deadly gases in the poisonous hell-hole.

The dead are:

PETER MENANY, aged 45 years, shift boss in the Gold King; in the San Juan a year; widow and three children in Montana.

ROY COBURN, aged 38 years, shift boss in the Gold King; in Gladstone a year; single.

A. W. BURNS, aged 28; shift boss in the gold king; no known relatives.

GUS OLSON, aged 33; employed at the San Juan three or four years; single.

VICTOR ERICKSON, aged 21; reached Gladstone two months ago from Old Mexico; trapper in Gold King; single.

Two rescued alive: John Finstrom and Otto Johnson. Will recover.

Rescuers overcome: J. Lewis, H. Matson, Mike Anesi, Frank Wurks, Antone Bianco. All will recover.

The dead and injured have been brought to Silverton. The bodies of the former lay at the morgue awaiting action by the coroner, while the latter are receiving every care possible at the local hospital. This morning it was announced by the physicians in charge that none of the patients would die, although the inhaling of the gases rendered them deathly sick.

The disaster is the direct result of the fire which Friday night wiped out all the surface workings at the portal of the Gold King tunnel. This is supposed to have been of incendiary origin and since murder has been added to the crime of arson, a determined effort is being made to learn the identity of the firebug. If he is caught there is little doubt but that the incensed people of San Juan county will deal harshly with him.

### NEW TUNNEL IS ACCEPTED BY SANTA FE

Trinidad, Colo., (Special) June 9.—The new million-dollar Santa Fe tunnel through Raton mountain will be in use before the end of the present week, according to an announcement made yesterday. The company has accepted the job from the Langtry Construction company and workmen are now engaged in laying the track. The bore is one of the most modern on the Santa Fe system and one of the most expensive jobs of work between Chicago and Frisco. The tunnel is about twenty feet lower than the old one and will work a great saving on freight. The portals have been completed and are nicely finished off in cement. The bore is over a half mile in length and much larger than the old one. Work will be started soon in repairing lowering the old tunnel, which will also be used.

### RACE WITH HOLD UPS

Trinidad, Colo., (Special) June 9.—Presence of mind and fleetness of foot saved Conductor Wingo of the local car lines from being held up by three masked holdups early yesterday morning. He has just taken his car to the barns and was starting on his way home when he noticed three men following him. He stopped near a light long enough to see that they were masked and then took to his heels. The leader called to him to stop but he kept going, with the trio in pursuit. The race continued for several blocks and he was almost exhausted then he reached his room on Baca street. He carried nearly \$50 in small change.

**THIEVES GET JEWEL TRAY**  
Houston, Tex., June 8.—Diamonds to the value of \$5,000 were stolen from the jewelry establishment of Taylor Brothers here last night. The diamonds were all mounted in rings, the tray being removed from the show case.

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